

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SENDING INDIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL TO CONGO .

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether India has been requested by the United Nations to send military personnel to Congo;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of military personnel already stationed in that country on behalf of the United Nations; and
- (d) the number of our military personnel stationed in other countries on behalf of United Nations, country-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. At the request of the United Nations, military personnel from India were first deployed in the United Nations Mission in Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) in 2004. 3,555 military personnel from India are currently deployed in MONUC. In May 2006, India was requested by the United Nations to provide one Infantry Battalion (850 personnel) to MONUC, which is proposed to be deployed in Katanga Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Government of India acceded to the request and the deployment of an Infantry Battalion has started.

(c) 16,587 military personnel from 49 countries are stationed in the Democratic Republic of Congo, on behalf of the United Nations.

(d) 8,663 military personnel from India are stationed in other countries as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Missions, as per details given below:

United Nations Mission in Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) 3,555

United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS)	2,622
United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)	1,613
United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)	672
United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in Golan Heights	187
United Nations Mission in Cote d'Ivoire (ONUCI)	8
United Nations Mission in Burundi (ONUB)	6